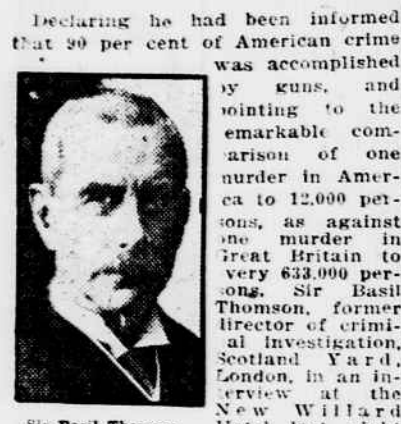


## BLAMES U. S. CRIME LARGELY ON GUNS

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## PROSECUTION TOO SLOW

Cites Murder Figures to Show How Quick Trial and Revolver Law Can Deter Criminals.



Sir Basil Thomson.

Declaring he had been informed that 90 per cent of American crime was accomplished by guns, and pointing to the remarkable number of one murder in America to 12,000 persons, as against one murder in Great Britain to 633,000 persons, Sir Basil Thomson, former director of criminal investigation, Scotland Yard, London, in an interview at the New Willard Hotel last night expressed the conviction that the smaller murder rate of Great Britain must be accounted for by their severe restrictions on gun carrying and the speedy trial and execution of criminals.

A criminal in America, Sir Basil said, had a better run for his money than in Great Britain. The grand jury system here, the eminent criminologist said, lent itself to delay, and the possibilities of delay in the trial of criminals, he said, was a factor in the crime rate. In Great Britain, he said, the function of the grand jury was reduced to a mere "ornamental" status. Criminals there, he explained, were brought first before a magistrate, and then before the grand jury, and the grand jury at the same time, with the court ready to act, immediately the grand jury returned a true bill against the accused, he said, more as an approving body, to O. K. the action of the magistrate, and to facilitate the speed of justice, although there had been instances, he added, where the grand jury had refused to return a true bill against the action of the magistrate who had previously heard the case.

## Gun-Toting Curbed.

The added evidence through presentation of evidence before a magistrate instead of waiting for a grand jury more than offset, in the opinion of the British criminologist, any possibilities of additional justice through "multiplication of personnel."

Gun-toting in Great Britain was described as dealt with severely, a sentence of six months at hard labor for the "possession" of a revolver. Contrary to the popular belief, crime has not increased since the war, either in America, England or in most of the European countries. Sir Basil said, basing his assertion on "cold figures." In America, there was an increase in crime beginning with 1890, he said, adding that the period between 1910 and 1916, according to figures furnished by the American Bar Association, showed no material difference in trend from the period between 1916 and 1921. In England, there was a decrease in crime since the war, Sir Basil said, and the only crime wave apparent at present is in Germany, which could easily be attributed to "hunger."

## Confer Before Legislating.

Sir Basil doubted if prohibition could be enforced in England. Over there, he said, the legislative branch of the government usually legislated with the executive branch to determine in advance what laws could be enforced. In England, he said, the executive branch cannot be enforced, Sir Basil said, the drug evil, Sir Basil said, was something in England, but the authorities were still working on the restriction of cocaine, of which Germany was said to be producing more than the whole world could normally require. Drug peddlers received sentences up to a year, he explained.

## Shopbreaking Prevalent.

The most prevalent of all crime with which Sir Basil was concerned had to deal, Sir Basil said, was "shopbreaking." This was differentiated from burglary in that the goods were taken from the shop, and the shop was not broken into. Sir Basil explained that there were attempts in England to attempt to abolish it, but he considered abolition as best a "dangerous experiment."

## Scotland Yard, Pleads

Soundings a New Year eve appeal in the hope of effecting the return of Mildred Wen, eighteen-year-old Chinese girl, who dropped out of sight just as her family had arranged a wedding match for her with George Num Lee, wealthy New York student. George Wen, uncle of the girl, last night requested the newspapers to publish today on open message to Mildred that she "won't have to marry any one if she'll only come home."

## MISS WEN'S SINGLE

Encouraged by the receipt of tangible evidence of the girl's apparent safety and the indication, without that she is still in Washington—represented in the engagement ring which she mailed yesterday to her home under a District of Columbia postmark—Mr. Wen, announced that he had forwarded the ring to the fitted New York author, thus writing him on the ill-fated romance which has attracted national attention.

## ALL FORGIVEN AND THE YOUNG

Chinese girl may have her own way in the future about whom she will or will not marry, according to Mr. Wen. Besides, Mildred's sister, Betty, is quite ill and needs her big sister's care and attention, the girl's uncle emphasized. He hoped that the appeal would touch the girl's heart and that she would at least get into telephone communication with her mother some time today.

## The Ring, Valued at \$250, Was

returned in a small brown package, addressed to the girl's father, and was delivered by special delivery messenger.

## \$500 CLOTHING THEFT.

Miss Ollie Chapman Reports Loss to Police.

Theft of more than \$500 worth of women's coats and dresses from the apartment of Ollie Chapman, at 1721 21st street northwest, early last night was reported to the police of the eighth precinct by Miss Chapman. The robbery is believed to have occurred between 8 and 8 o'clock in the evening, during the absence of the owner from the apartment.

## 5-YEAR WOOLING

IN BRAILLE WINS

Blind Lawyer Weds Librarian Who Helped Him Find Books.

Culmination of a blind couple's romance of five years' duration, in which blind typist by the Braille system played a stellar role, was reached yesterday when Louis G. Taylor, lawyer, with offices at 400 5th street northwest, and Miss Ruth Lloyd Perry, connected with the National Library for the Blind, 1800 D street northwest, both of them blind, neither having ever seen the other, were married at noon in Rockville, Md., by Rev. S. J. Goode, pastor of the Christian Church.

The unusual ceremony took place at the home of the minister in the presence of John Oxtunier, H. H. Harris and Miss Veronica Tucker, all of this city, friends of the couple. Immediately following the ceremony the party motored back to this city to the home of the bridegroom, 1520 Columbia street northwest.

The culmination came in rapid-fire manner yesterday. Mr. Taylor, it was explained, was investigating court marriage records at the courthouse and became infected with "the fever."

"I was one of the happiest couples I ever married," declared Rev. Goode after the tying of the knot.

The story of the courtship of Mr. Taylor, who is forty years old, and his wife, who is much younger, has all the elements of a romance. About two years ago the lawyer began studying and reading literature at the National Library for the Blind, where the Braille system was written in raised letters and where poor light and fine print do not disturb the readers. Miss Taylor often assisted the lawyer in selecting books, and her quick understanding of his wants and sympathetic response to his trend of thought struck a chord of sentiment between them that soon ripened into love.

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Perry, are dead. The Perry estate, known as Harris Lott, is located in the District of Columbia. Mr. Taylor is the son of a farmer in Maryland. Joseph M. Parrott, wife of Capt. Parrott, United States Army, Quartermaster's Corps, Mr. Taylor is a native of Berkshire, England. He became blind ten years ago, and, determined not to allow loss of sight to interfere with his plans for a career, took up the study of the Braille system, and, mastering it, plunged into his legal studies.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Association of Old Inhabitants will meet tomorrow 11 a.m., at Union Engine House, southeast corner 19th and H streets, N.W. W. Evans will read his report of current events of year 1922.

The Stomach Aid for Consumption will meet Wednesday 10:30 a.m., at Harrington Hotel.

Columbia Heights Citizens' Association will meet Tuesday, 8 p.m., in St. Stephen's Hall, 2017 14th street.

The board of directors, the ministerial council and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bennett of the Central Union Mission will be at home tomorrow from 2 to 5 p.m., at 822 Louisiana avenue.

The Sixteenth Street Highlands Citizens' Association will meet tomorrow, 8 p.m., in Sixth Presbyterian Church.

The P. E. O. luncheon for January will be omitted.

## ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES.

TODAY.

The Wanderlusts' hike will start from Chevy Chase Circle at 2:30 o'clock. W. B. Handy will lead.

Red Triangle Outing Club will meet at 17th street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, at 3 o'clock, for a hike to Benning. All back early. O. L. Simpson will lead.

Perry W. Howard, special assistant to the Attorney General, will speak at "The Dyer Bill and Its Defeat," 4 o'clock, at 12th street branch Y. M. C. A. Public, including ladies, invited.

## TONIGHT.

Kevin Barry Council, American Association for Recognition of Irish Republic, will meet, 8 o'clock, 1001 E street.

The Independent Order of Sons of Jonadab will hold a watch meeting from 9 to midnight, in Pythian Temple. Good speakers and amusements.

Alpha Sigma Lambda Fraternity will give a progressive dinner party to precede its New Year breakfast dance, from midnight to 3 a.m.

## MCGORMICK-KRENN PLANS FOIL SCRIBES

Reporters in Chicago Spend Hectic Day Seeking Symptoms of Suspected Wedding.

## LOSE "GROOM" TWICE

"Bride" Leads Fleet of Taxicabs Chase, But Goes to Opera.



Edwin Krenn.

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, December 30.—Reporters keeping vigil over the Lake Shore drive mansion of Mrs. Edith Hocke-McCormick, watching for symptoms that her rumored marriage to Edwin Krenn, young Swiss architect, was about to take place, spent a busy but fruitless day. Early in the morning newspaper men and women and photographers surrounded the house at every vantage point, with additional details stationed across the street to cover Mr. Krenn's hotel. At 10:30 their watchful waiting had its first jolt when the hotel guard discovered it had lost Mr. Krenn. Five minutes of agitated hunting and he was found four blocks away, strolling down the avenue. Reporters and photographers fell into line and the procession moved on. At his radio shop, his first business venture in America, Mr. Krenn stopped for a conference with Adolph Dato, his Swiss shop manager.

## Journalistic Guard Follows.

The conference over, they bundled the shop's books under their arms and departed for the McCormick mansion, where the entire newspaper guard mobilized and stood at attention. They did not have long to wait. Shortly two uniformed footmen rolled the red party carpet down the front steps and over it erected a heavily striped awning. A bulletin was dispatched to the newspaper offices and photographers climbed nearby in search of better vantage points. Next a limousine arrived and a fashionably groomed guest, who looked as though she might be the advance guard of a wedding party, tripped up the steps. Society editors peeped through a crowd of sentinels announced Mrs. Martin B. Pike.

## Poetess Next Guest.

A second car arrived. Miss Harriett Monroe, poetess and editor of a poetry magazine, followed the red-carpeted steps. A long wait. Two o'clock came and passed, then three empty cars appeared and Mrs. McCormick, accompanied by several friends, came down the steps and was whisked away in a taxicab. The chase ended when Mrs. McCormick was discovered waiting her friends in her box at the opera, watching Pendor Chailapin, the Russian basso, wield his broom in the broken scene of "Mefistofele."

While breathless reporters heaved a sigh of relief the hotel guard was discovering it had misplaced Mrs. Krenn again. Four minutes later he was found stepping into his coupe, trailed the mounted correspondents into the hotel, and brushed clothing at upper lake-curtained windows. And no one would ever have been a witness, except that the gentleman, all except that the gentleman, with a servant man on duty, as before, sprang from stores with baskets heaped with every good thing, in season or out, opening the front door to callers with the same discrimination as to the interests of the gentleman of the house, and brushing clothing at upper lake-curtained windows. And no one would ever have been a witness, except that the gentleman, with a servant man on duty, as before, sprang from stores with baskets heaped with every good thing, in season or out, opening the front door to callers with the same discrimination as to the interests of the gentleman of the house, and brushing clothing at upper lake-curtained windows. And no one would ever have been a witness, except that the gentleman, with a servant man on duty, as before, sprang from stores with baskets heaped with every good thing, in season or out, opening the front door to callers with the same discrimination as to the interests of the gentleman of the house, and brushing clothing at upper lake-curtained windows.

Next the chase led back to the radio shop. A short wait and the cavalcade of Mrs. Krenn's coupe and a half dozen taxicabs returned to the hotel, when Mr. Krenn went up to his suite.

There, a much agitated Mr. Dato, who had been waiting in his employer's rooms, burst into voluble Swiss. Some of the newspaper guard, who had been waiting to watch the hotel suite, volunteered explanations. Correspondents seeking a private interview had left on the expedient of asking for the door, but watchful rivals promptly fished them out again.

Mr. Krenn, waiting within, had been vainly trying to catch one of the elusive envelopes as it appeared and disappeared.

Mrs. McCormick has been free to marry again since Thursday, when one year had elapsed since her divorce from Harold McCormick, the harvester magnate, who last summer married Ganna Walska, opera star, in Paris.

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## NEW YORK'S RETIRING AND NEW GOVERNORS



Gov. Nathan L. Miller greeting Gov. Alfred E. Smith upon the latter's arrival in Albany, N. Y., to take over the gubernatorial reins. Gov. Miller retires from office at midnight.

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The ambassador declared that the accomplishments of the Washington conference "created a new feeling of stability in far eastern relations."

"I came to assist in a task which has been accomplished," he continued. "There is no element of surprise in my returning to the United States to resign, for when I accepted the mission from President Harding and Secretary Hughes it was understood that I had no desire to remain in the diplomatic service under normal conditions."

"The time has arrived when I feel free to return home and resign. I am deeply appreciative of the treatment accorded me by the Japanese and I desire to express the most kindly sentiments to our great number of friends in Japan who have overwhelmed us with kindness. Full expression of my appreciation will be reserved for other occasions before our departure."

Ambassador Warren said that upon his return to the United States he hoped to be able to help in making "things better understood in America."

The Warrens will give a number of farewell dinners. Dinners in their honor are to be given by Foreign Minister Komura, other Japanese nobles and American organizations in Japan.

Ambassador Warren was appointed to his post in June, 1921.

By the Associated Press. The announcement of Ambassador Warren's intention to resign his post in Tokyo does not come as a surprise to Washington, for his desire to turn his attention to his affairs in this country has been known for some months. Only yesterday it was said at the White House that, although President Harding appreciated Mr. Warren's services in cementing good relations between the United States and Japan, if the ambassador should ever submit his resignation it would be permitted to retire at his pleasure.

The services of Mr. Warren as ambassador in Japan, during an important period of the Washington armament conference are understood to be regarded by the administration as of the highest value. It has been said that the ambassador recognized the services he might render at that time, but later felt that for personal reasons he should retire. As early as last summer he made this clear to certain American officials who were in Japan for a few weeks.

Mr. Warren was appointed to the white jute with every pretense of the rollicking fun and generosity that Father Christmas stands for—but, under the garb of merriment, two lonely and forlorn old men, without a penny to buy a gift, and knowing no one in the world, were waiting for a gift to come. To one of them came the joy of unexpected remembrance. A girl in a department store told a fellow clerk, and together they played Santa to the pitiful old fraud in front of the shop, and a quarter each.

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TONIGHT, when sirens and whistles and joy bells begin to clash out their jamborees of welcome to the New Year, you may hear, under their gay clamor, the soft tread of friend Twenty-Two, on his way out of the world. And he won't be shambling along like the broken-down old year that all the world front whom a gift would come. To one of them came the joy of unexpected remembrance. A girl in a department store told a fellow clerk, and together they played Santa to the pitiful old fraud in front of the shop, and a quarter each.

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"REDUCED TO 75 cents." The tag lay enticingly on a box, and the box was in a shop window. Before the window stood two women, and the one with a wry line between her eyes was saying out to the other: "It paid a dollar for that identical tie three weeks ago. You don't catch me shopping early any more."

"Yes, but my sister-in-law doesn't. I bet she's on a last-minute swoop to buy a tie this very minute. If she sees this tie, she'll go home and tell Tom it's a pity I couldn't do better by him, as good as he is to me. I get stung like this every year, but you better believe it's the last time."

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